

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
IN CONCORD,
March 14 and 15,
1848.

At a legal town meeting, duly notified and held at Concord, in the county of Merrimack, on the second Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the following votes were given in

FOR MODERATOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1482
Asa Fowler	had	778
Nathaniel B. Baker	"	695
Scattering	"	9

Asa Fowler having the largest number of votes given in for one candidate, was declared duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

FOR GOVERNOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1552
Nathaniel S. Berry	had	829
Jared W. Williams	"	715
Anthony Colby	"	7
A. Colby	"	1

FOR COUNCILLOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1554
John Kelley	had	835
Joseph Clough	"	717
Isaac Dow	"	1
Phineas Clough	"	1

FOR SENATOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1553
Andrew Taylor	had	837
William H. Gage	"	716

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1549
George Jones	had	719
David Watson	"	497
Reuben Porter	"	333

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1551
Charles Rowell	had	717
Moses Colby	"	499
Moses Martin	"	334
Milton W. Merrill	"	1

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1549
Simeon B. Little	had	498
Benjamin Whipple	"	498
James McCrillis	"	498
Benjamin E. Harriman	"	718
William R. Parker	"	717
John Woodbury, Jr.	"	717
Moody A. Pillsbury	"	333
Jason H. Ames	"	334
Nathaniel Seavey	"	334

FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1546
Necessary to a choice,		774
Simeon Abbot	had	832
Edmund Worth	"	827

Joel C. Danforth	had	827
Asa Fowler	"	825
Cyrus Robinson	"	830
Chase Hill	"	798
Perley Cleaves	"	722
Cyrus Hill	"	721
Charles H. Norton	"	722
Nathaniel Rolfe	"	718
William Page	"	716
Benjamin H. Weeks	"	717
Albert Webster	"	1
True Osgood	"	1
James Moulton	"	1
Old Bean	"	1
C. Parker	"	1
N. Evans	"	1
Laban Page	"	1
Abraham Prescott	"	1
George W. Dow	"	1
Shadrach Seavey	"	1
Russell Hills	"	1
I. Perley	"	1
N. Stickney	"	1
L. Downing	"	1
Jeremiah Fowler	"	1
J. F. Witherell	"	1
William Dow	"	1
Mitchel Gilmore, Jr.	"	1

And SIMEON ABBOT, EDMUND WORTH, JOEL C. DANFORTH, ASA FOWLER, CYRUS ROBINSON, and CHASE HILL, having a majority of all the votes given in, were declared by the moderator duly elected.

Voted, to adjourn to Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, March 15, 1848.

Met according to adjournment; and the meeting being called to order by the moderator, it was

Voted, That this meeting proceed to ballot for Town Clerk and Selectmen at the same time.

FOR TOWN CLERK.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1242
Necessary to a choice,		622
George H. H. Silsby	had	720
John P. Johnson	"	520
James Woolson	"	1
Old Bean, Collector,	"	1

And GEORGE H. H. SILSBY having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the moderator duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

FOR SELECTMEN.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1236
Necessary to a choice,		619
Nathan Stickney	had	721
John Whipple	"	662
Reuben Goodwin, Jr.	"	718
Mitchel Gilmore, Jr.	"	525
Isaac Virgin	"	519
Moses H. Farnum	"	524
Caleb Parker	"	40
J. A. Gilmore	"	1
James Moulton, Jr.	"	1
Mitchel Gilmore	"	2
Joseph Eastman	"	1

And NATHAN STICKNEY, JOHN WHIPPLE, and REUBEN GOODWIN, Jr. having a majority of all the votes given in, were declared by the moderator duly elected, and being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

On motion, *voted*, That a committee, consisting of one person from each highway district, be appointed to nominate Highway Surveyors, Constables and Auditors for the ensuing year.

The following persons were appointed said Committee, viz :

Samuel Coffin, Caleb Parker, Simeon Farnum, Joseph Graham, Heman Sanborn, Thomas D. Potter, Abraham Bean, Isaac Eastman, John Locke, Samuel Clifford, Hiram Farnum, Samuel B. Knowles, Ephraim Hutchins, Daniel Rand, Henry Rolfe, Samuel E. Scales, Thomas

Eastman, Marshall B. Colby, John Fisk, George W. Dow, Daniel Flanders, Daniel Farnum, Moses Shute, Daniel Knowlton, William Abbot, Jr., Joseph L. Jackson, Edward Gould, Abiel C. Carter, Reuben K. Abbot, Amos Sawyer.

Voted, That the Committee be instructed not to report any person for surveyor in district No. 27; and that the selectmen be authorized to divide said district No. 27, into two or more, and appoint suitable surveyors, &c.

The Committee appointed to report a list of Highway Surveyors, Constables and Auditors, reported the following persons for those offices respectively, which report was accepted, and the persons therein named duly elected, as follows:

Benjamin Rolfe,	Moses Shute,
Zebulon Smith,	Alpheus Proctor,
Charles W. Folsom,	Jedediah Abbot,
John L. Tallant,	George Abbot,
Charles Moody,	William Abbot, 2d.,
Andrew Moody,	Samuel B. Knowles,
Thompson Tenney,	Samuel E. Scales,
John Jarvis,	Ephraim F. Swett,
Samuel M. Locke,	William D. Colby,
Hiram Farnum,	Jonathan Tenney,
Hiram Simpson,	Daniel Farnum,
Amos Hoit,	John E. Proctor,
Nathan W. Moores,	Isaac Abbot,
Henry Farnum,	Edward Gould.
Franklin B. Emerson,	

And Benjamin Rolfe, Andrew Moody, Thompson Tenney, John Jarvis, Samuel Locke, Samuel B. Knowles, Hiram Simpson, Samuel E. Scales, Ephraim F. Swett, Henry Farnum, Franklin B. Emerson and Edward Gould, being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

FOR CONSTABLES.

Isaac Eastman,	Richard Bradley,
John Abbot,	Nathaniel Rolfe,
Charles Smart,	Abraham Bean,
Nathan Call,	Rufus D. Scales,
Heman Sanborn,	Seth Eastman,
Asaph Abbot,	Abel Baker,
Harry Houston,	Simon G. Davis.

FOR AUDITORS.

Samuel Coffin, Mitchel Gilmore, Jr. and Charles Smart.

FOR FENCE VIEWERS.

Chose Moses Shute, Isaac Farnum, Benjamin Parker.

FOR CULLERS OF STAVES.

Chose Gilbert Perkins, William Hayward, Samuel Curtis, Joseph M. Bradley, Leonard Bell, Ezra Hoit and Abraham Bean.

FOR SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Chose Samuel Shute, Philip Sargeant, Henry M. Moore, Shadrach Seavey, Nathaniel Rolfe, Ebenezer Eastman, Eben F. Elliot, George Wilkins, John Abbot, Nathaniel C. Elliott, Jeremiah S. Noyes, David Abbot, Timothy Colby, Philip Watson, John Eastman, Joseph Eastman, jr., Daniel Dunlap, Asa H. Morrill, David H. Farnum, John Titcomb, Sewell Hoit, Aaron Morse, Daniel Rand, Russell Hills, Reuben Goodwin, jr., Elbridge Dimond, Abel B. Holt, Joseph Moody, Lowell Eastman, Atkinson Webster, Asa Parker, Enoch H. Dow, Joseph L. Jackson, John Haines, George Frye, Henry Rolfe, jr., Nathaniel Moody, Jonathan Sanborn, Abel Baker, Seth Eastman, Rodney G. Cutting, Ebenezer Eastman, Isaac Emery, jr., Charles Graham, Stephen Noyes, John Putney, Perley Cleaves, Asaph Abbot, and Cady Clark.

CORDERS OF WOOD.

Chose Philip Sargent, James H. Powell, William Gault, Cyrus Robinson, Seth Eastman, Enos Blake, Heman Sanborn, Jeremiah Pecker, George F. Sanborn, Cyrus Hill, Elliot Chickering, Albert Herbert, Albert Webster, Nathaniel H. Sanborn, Rodney G. Cutting, Joel C. Danforth, John Goss, Jonathan E. Lang, Ezra Ballard, M. C. Cutchins, Timothy C. Rolfe, Greenough McQuestion, Caleb Parker, Benjamin O. Adams, and Dana W. Pratt.

WEIGHERS OF HAY.

Chose Isaac Eastman, Cyrus Robinson, John Pettingill, Jeremiah P. Whipple, James Moore, John P. Johnson, George W. Brown, Francis A. Fisk, Nathaniel H. Sanborn, Ara Morrill, R. G. Cutting, M. C. Cutchins, John

L. Nevins, George Dame, James Woolson, and Albert Herbert.

SEALERS OF LEATHER.

Chose Cyrus Robinson, Enos Blake, Benjamin Parker and Chase Hill.

SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Chose Seth Eastman, Jacob Carter, Ivory Hall, Oscar Knox and A. B. Currier.

POUND KEEPERS.

Chose Hiram Farnum, Simeon Abbot and Moses Gill.

CLERK OF THE MARKET.

Chose John P. Gass.

HAYWARD.

Chose Samuel Coffin.

Voted, That the appointment of Hog-reeves be referred to the Selectmen, with instructions to appoint a requisite number.

Voted, To raise \$3600 to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the current year.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to expend the above sum as the interests of the town shall seem to require.

Voted, To raise the sum of three thousand dollars for the support of schools the current year, and that the committee having in charge the town funds be instructed to collect and pay over to the selectmen, the sum of two hundred dollars of the interest of the school fund, which shall constitute a part of the three thousand dollars, and that the same be divided among the several school districts in the same manner as last year.

Voted, To raise \$4000 for the building and repairing highways and bridges, to be laid out in labor at ten cents per hour.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to require highway surveyors to lay out 75 per cent. of their money in the months of May and June.

Voted, That the income of the Parsonage Fund be disposed of as heretofore.

Voted, That the share of the Literary Fund received by this town, be divided equally among the several school districts in town.

Voted, That Article VII. of the Warrant, in relation to the purchase of an Engine and Apparatus to be located near the south end of Main-street, be dismissed.

Voted, That a sum not exceeding \$300, be raised and appropriated for the purpose of enlarging and fencing the burying ground at Millville, and that the same be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted, That the subject matter of Article IX., in relation to the ringing of bells, be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted, That Article X. of the Warrant, in relation to school districts No. 8, in Hopkinton, and No. 4, in Concord, be dismissed.

Voted, That the town will permit to be fenced in a common, so much of the highway and meeting-house lot, by the Methodist Biblical Institute, or Old North Church, as, in the opinion of the Selectmen, may be done without inconvenience to the public travel.

Voted, That the subject matter of Article XII., in relation to the claim of the heirs of Joseph Hall upon the town, be referred to Ira Perley, Esq., and that he be requested to report to the town at some future meeting.

The following resolution was submitted by N. B. Baker, Esq. :

Resolved, That the Selectmen of the town be directed and authorized to borrow, on the credit of the town, a sum of money not exceeding \$20.000, for the purpose of building a new town house.

Upon the question, Shall the resolution be adopted ? it was decided in the negative.

The following resolution was submitted by Josiah Minot, Esq. :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the moderator, to procure a plan of a town house, and make estimates of the expense of the same ; and that the committee be instructed to report at a meeting of the town to be holden in November next, and that an article on the subject be inserted in the warrant calling the same.

J. B. Walker, Esq. moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word resolved, and insert "That a sum not exceeding \$1000 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of repairing the town house, and in conjunction with the county of Merrimack to paint the same externally; and that a committee of five be appointed by the moderator for the purpose of accomplishing the above object."

Upon the question, Shall the resolution be so amended? it was decided in the negative.

Upon the question, Shall the resolution submitted by J. Minot, Esq. be adopted? it was decided in the affirmative, and the resolution was adopted.

The following persons were appointed the committee named in the foregoing resolution:

Josiah Minot, Esq., Gen. Joseph Low, Richard Bradley, Esq., Joseph B. Walker, Esq. and Caleb Parker.

The following resolution, submitted by D. S. Palmer, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Selectmen are hereby instructed to grant no license, during the ensuing year, permitting the exhibition of circuses within the limits of the town of Concord, and that they prosecute, at the expense of the town, any and all violations of the provisions of the 125th chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to such exhibitions.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to ask the highest price allowed by law, for licenses of caravans.

Upon the question, Is it expedient that a law be enacted by the General Court, prohibiting the sale of wines or other spirituous liquors, except for chemical, medicinal, or mechanical purposes? the following vote was given in:

In the *affirmative* 186—*negative*, none.

Voted, That the sum of \$1000, in addition to the sum already raised, be raised and appropriated for the support of common schools in the town of Concord the ensuing year, and the same be divided among the several school districts in town, in the same manner as that already raised.

Voted, That the sum of \$110 be raised and appropriated for the support of a Teachers' Institute in and for the county of Merrimack.

Voted, That the town will discontinue so much of the old road, leading from John Sawyer's to Henry Rolfe's, as lies between Central-street and clay hill (so-called), and accept, as a town road, so much of Merrimack-street as lies between the same points, it being now made—provided the owners of lands on Merrimack street execute good and sufficient releases to the town, of all claims for damages on account of the lands occupied by said street.

Voted, That Article XVII. of the Warrant, "To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out a new highway on the road now travelled from the east end of Merrimack street, at the top of clay hill, (so-called,) to the Fisherville Depot, and discontinue the old road between the same points," be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted, That Article XVIII. of the Warrant, "To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to straighten and widen the road from horse hill bridge to David Elliot's, and lay out a new highway from David Elliot's to George F. Sanborn's," be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted, That a sum of money not exceeding \$500, be raised and appropriated to purchase land and fence the same, for a burying ground at Fisherville—the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to lay out and build a road, and fence the same, commencing at a point near Harry Houston's house, on the road leading from Concord to Boscawen, to the West Village Depot, on the Northern Rail-road.

Voted, That the following Report, made at the last annual meeting, by a committee appointed for the purpose, be accepted and adopted :

Report.

The Committee on School Districts, to whom was re-committed a portion of their Report of March last, have directed me to report the following, to wit : That the following described territory now included in school district No. 23, viz.—commencing at the south-west corner of Solon Sanborn's land, by Contoocook river ; thence running northerly by the west line of said Sanborn's land and

land of Robert Hardy to the Rangeway; thence easterly by the Rangeway to the south-west corner of Isaac Colby's land; thence northerly by the westerly line of said Colby's land and the easterly line of Thomas Eastman's land, to Boscawen line; thence easterly by said Boscawen line to Contoocook river to the place begun at, be disannexed from said district and united to district No. 20, and that the remainder of said district No. 23, together with all the territory now included in district No. 1 and 25, embracing all the land in said town north of Contoocook river, except what is hereby annexed to No. 20, be united and constitute school district No. 1. That school district No. 22 be annulled, and that all the territory now known as district No. 22 be annexed to district No. 4, except the farm of John Alexander, which by an act of the Selectmen has been assigned to a school district in Hopkinton.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

JOSIAH STEVENS,

for the Committee.

The Selectmen made the following report, which was accepted:

The Selectmen have taken into consideration the subject which was referred to them, by a vote of the town, "To see if the town will accept the bridge across the canal at Fisherville, so-called, as a part of the highway?" After examining the bridge, and ascertaining that the canal was cut across the road for conveying water to the factory buildings, and inasmuch as it is of no use to the town, we are of the opinion that it is inexpedient for the town to accept the same as a public highway.

**NATHAN STICKNEY,
JOSEPH EASTMAN, JR.,
JNO. WHIPPLE.**

The following reports were submitted, and severally adopted:

Auditors' Report.

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the year 1847, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have

found the accounts of the Selectmen and acting Treasurer well vouched and correctly cast, and present the following as a true statement of the finances of the town :

1847, March 4.

Cash on hand,	\$1136·86
Taxes assessed and committed to A. Bean,	
Collector—viz :	
Resident taxes,	10,532·75
Non-resident taxes,	334·30
Non-resident highway tax,	137·63
Shool-house tax in District No. 24,	80·05
School-house tax in District No. 9,	310·22
School-house tax in District No. 10,	742·77
School-house tax in District No. 11,	842·17
Cash of the county for the support of paupers,	895·79
“ borrowed of Timothy Walker,	300·00
“ of George W. Nesmith, for land for rail-road,	336·60
“ of Mont Vernon, for support of paupers,	14·26
“ of showmen for licenses,	120·00
“ of A. Fowler—town funds,	3683·40
“ of State Treasurer for literary fund,	207·83
“ of State Treasurer for rail-road tax,	1128·44
“ of Amherst for support of pauper,	3·00
“ of Patrick Farmer, interest on L. Bell’s note,	27·45
“ of Pembroke for support of pauper,	20·40
“ of Joseph Eastman, jr., amount of note and interest,	133·75
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	\$20,987·67

Which is accounted for in the following manner :

Paid State Treasurer,	1320·00
“ County Treasurer,	2082·67
“ School Orders,	3207·83
“ repairs of roads, bridges, and com- pensation for land for roads,	1918·77
“ for support of paupers,	1273·52
“ for ringing and tolling bells,	85·00
“ for office rent, fuel and furniture,	21·44

Paid damage for defect of highways,	\$112.75
“ for printing and stationery,	70.32
“ Committee having in charge the town funds, for services,	40.03
“ Superintending School Committee for services,	100.00
“ bills of cost and for professional ser- vices,	173.56
“ for insurance, repairing town house and recording deeds,	10.93
“ Militia for services prior to 1847,	59.00
“ Militia for services for 1847,	199.00
“ Militia for rations,	189.50
“ Town Clerk for his services,	59.10
“ abatement of Taxes,	120.84
“ non-resident highway tax receipts,	62.86
“ School-house tax in District No. 11,	807.00
“ “ “ “ “ No. 10,	710.00
“ “ “ “ “ No. 9,	300.00
“ “ “ “ “ No. 24,	75.00
“ Abiel Walker, note and interest,	1119.71
“ Timothy Walker, notes & interest,	4325.15
“ Asa Fowler interest on parsonage fund,	174.92
“ Mary G. Stickney interest on note,	50.00
“ Isaac Appleton for fencing burying ground at Stickney's hill,	16.00
“ William Pecker for land for burying ground,	78.00
“ Joseph Eastman, jr. for repairing hearse,	1.50
“ commission of collector,	200.00
“ Luther Roby and others, expenses of fire department,	117.19
“ Selectmen for services,	487.14
“ Auditors and expenses,	7.75
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	19,576.48
Leaving a balance unexpended of	1,411.19
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	20,987.67

As follows :—

In Treasurer's hands,	\$926·35
Due from Collector,	484·84

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The whole expenditure for the support of the poor the past year, including the overseer's salary and the interest which has been paid Mr. Walker, on the sum due him for the farm, over and above what has been received for that purpose, as appears by the foregoing statement, amounts to the sum of \$340·07.

The Auditors are perfectly satisfied, that the affairs of the poor farm, under the management of Mr. Moses Gill, have been well and prudently managed. The average number of paupers at the farm the past year has been nearly 25 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The town owe to Timothy Walker,	1,000·00
“ Concord Female Charitable Soc.,	833·34
“ Parsonage fund,	2,931·99
“ School fund—principal,	3,157·14
“ Interest on same,	1,020·80
“ Surplus Revenue Fund,	5,038·83
“ Interest on same,	415·22
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	\$14,397·32
Due to the town from Leonard Bell,	457·50
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$13,939·82

Pursuant to a vote of the town at the last annual meeting, we herewith give a list of the Highway Surveyors for 1846, and the amount of their lists set against their respective names.

Moses Boyes,	\$44·10	John Hall,	\$47·78
Jacob A. Potter,	57·72	Nathaniel Moody,	42·53
John Locke,	29·58	Evans Anderson,	63·35
Hazen K. Farnum,	140·95	Samuel Clifford,	56·28
Timo. E. Hoit,	58·92	David Abbot, jr.,	25·48
Robert B. Hoit,	33·55	Eph. C. Elliot,	42·91
Reuben K. Abbot,	30·80	Enoch H. Dow,	35·22

Jacob Flanders,	34·99	Alpheus H. Goodwin,	16·24
Joseph S. Abbot,	80·93	Moses B. Abbot,	62·82
Hazen Virgin,	68·15	Leonard Bell,	471·04
James Blake,	103·36	Benjamin Gale Jr.,	35·28
James Buswell,	783·47	Woodbury Flanders,	36·19
Nathan Chandler,	79·41	Alexander Thompson,	30·52
Samuel Runnels,	25·65	John C. Ordway,	1234·60
Ezekiel C. Ferrin,	60·73	Elbridge Dimond	35·28
William Fox,	41·98		

The following surveyors only, have returned their lists to the selectmen, to wit:—Reuben K. Abbot, Samuel Clifford, Woodbury Flanders, Benjamin Gale jr., Nathaniel Moody, and Alexander Thompson.

SAMUEL COFFIN.

MITCHEL GILMORE, JR.

March 8, 1848.

CHARLES SMART.

Report of the Committee on Town Funds.

The committee having in charge the various funds of the town of Concord, respectfully submit to its citizens the following report of the present amount and condition of said funds, to wit:

PARSONAGE FUND.

The original amount of this fund was	\$5,335·51
Land since sold	237·50
Part extra dividend on 10 shares old Merri-	
mack County Bank stock in 1846,	50·00

Amounting in all to \$5,623·01

This amount is now invested as follows:

13 shares in Concord Bank, cost	\$1,326·25
4 shares in the Mechanicks Bank, cost	400·00
Note, R. E. Pecker, J. E. Lang and	
Wm. Pecker, March 3, 1843,	964·77
Loaned to town on certificate of Select-	
men,	<u>2931·99</u>

Making an aggregate of 5,623·01

Deducting as worthless, the Concord Bank stock, \$1,326·25

There remains an available Parsonage Fund of 4,296·76

The income arising from this fund
for 1847, was as follows:

Dividends from stock in Mechanicks Bank,	\$26·00
Interest on note, of R. E. Pecker and others,	57·89
Interest on loan to town,	174·92
Extra dividend on stock in old Merri- mack County Bank, in 1847,	25·00

Amounting to \$283·81

This sum was appropriated by the Selectmen and has
been paid to the various religious societies in town, as
follows:

East Society,	\$25·88	Universalist Society,	\$26·03
West “	28·43	Methodist “	16·82
North “	51·26	Episcopal “	18·25
South “	41·24	Christian Baptist “	7·46
Baptist “	26·89	Fishersville “	6·55
Unitarian “	28·94	Freewill “	6·06

In all \$283·81

SCHOOL FUND.

The available School Fund, reported March
1847, was \$5,772·66
Interest on same for one year 346·35

Present available School Fund, \$6,119·01

This fund is invested as follows:

Ten shares in Concord Bank, cost	\$1,020·25
Note, R. H. Ayer, A. G. Gale, Isaac Hill, March 3, 1843,	711·87
Note, Isaac Hill, R. H. Ayer, A. G. Gale, March 3, 1843,	738·51
Loaned town on certificate of Selectmen,	3,157·14
Interest due on note, R. H. Ayer and others, about	240·75

Interest due on note, Isaac Hill and others, about	249.94	
Interest due on loan to town,	1,020.80	
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Making an aggregate of		\$7,139.26
Deducting worthless Concord Bank stock,		1,020.25
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There remains an available School Fund of		\$6,119.01

SURPLUS REVENUE FUND.

This fund is invested as follows :

Balance due on Execution against Concord Bank,	\$1,202.70	
Loaned to the town on certificates of Selectmen,	5,038.83	
Interest due on loan to town,	415.22	
Note, Aaron Shute, Dec. 10, 1844, secured by mortgage,	40.00	
Interest on same from Dec. 10, 1846,	3.00	
Premises on Thompson Street, estimated to be worth	1,000.00	
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Making an aggregate of		\$7,699.75
Deduct as worthless, balance due on Concord Bank Execution,		1,202.70
There remains an apparently available Surplus Revenue Fund, of		<hr/> \$6,497.05

The premises belonging to this fund, estimated above as worth \$1000, consists of about two acres of valuable land on the south side of Thompson Street, suitable for building lots. This was received upon the mortgage of the late Hon. Hall Burgin, and is now the unincumbered property of the town.

Since the last annual report, the committee, in accordance with the instructions of the town, sold the house lot and buildings of the late Hon. Hall Burgin, situated between Main and State Streets, to our late and esteemed fellow citizen, Caleb Pratt, Esq., then of Hartford Ct., for four thousand five hundred dollars, which has been fully paid. After paying therefrom the debt last year reported

as due Mrs. Burgin, and the further sum of \$100, which they were obliged to pay for an assignment of Mrs. Burgin's interest in a portion of said lot at the corner of State and Fayette Streets, with the expenses of advertising the property for sale, the residue of said sum of \$4,500, together with \$114.79 dividend from the estate of the late Hon. Hall Burgin received during the year, has been loaned by the committee to the town upon certificates of the Selectmen.

ASA FOWLER.	} Committee.
F. N. FISK.	
SETH EASTMAN.	

Concord, March 10, 1848.

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

In submitting the annual report of the condition of the schools in Concord, the Superintending School Committee are happy to have it in their power to say, that with a few exceptions, the public schools in town have been judiciously and successfully conducted through both the summer and winter terms of the past year. In general, teachers of capacity and qualification superior to those of the preceeding year have been employed, and the result has been a marked and decided improvement in the schools under their charge. In some instances however, persons of competent literary attainments, but deficient in energy and aptness to govern and to teach, have undertaken a task, for which they were not fitted by nature or education, and fulfilled it with little reputation to themselves, and less benefit to their pupils. Want of energy in the teachers, and a consequent want of order and quiet in the schools, is the prominent evil which has fallen under our observation, aside from the inattention and want of fidelity in parents. If prudential committees, would exercise more care to hire only competent, energetic, efficient and systematic teachers, and parents would see that their children not merely attend school, but conduct properly and make some improvement while there—if instead of entrusting their offspring to the unaided management of a *stranger*, the

father and mother would themselves visit the school-room, teach their children to regard the teacher as their *friend*, and participate and sympathize in all his efforts to advance their progress in useful knowledge, our common schools would be at once elevated in character and influence.— Until better teachers shall be provided, and the parents exhibit as much interest in the education of their children as they do in the management of their ordinary pecuniary affairs, it is vain to anticipate any thing like perfection in the operation of our system of popular instruction.

It is believed however, that public sentiment is improving in relation to this matter. As already stated, better teachers generally have been employed this year than last, and their worth has been appreciated. Parents are devoting more time and bestowing more attention upon the culture of their offspring. With two or three exceptions, every school in town has been visited four times during the year by some member of the committee, and they have frequently been accompanied in their visit by the prudential committees and some of the parents of the district.— In some parts of the town, an increased interest in education has been clearly evinced by providing better accommodations for pupils, and additional facilities for teachers.— This is particularly the case in Nos. 10, 11, and 20, though we regret to say, that notwithstanding the important work already accomplished, No. 10 is still destitute of the necessary accommodation of suitable rooms for all its numerous scholars. Another building the size and convenience of the substantial edifice erected with so much liberality and unanimity of sentiment last year, would do little more than provide for the wants of its rapidly increasing population.

In the report of last years committee, the example of No. 10, in building their new, well constructed and spacious house was noticed with commendation, as deserving to be emulated by other districts; and it has been. During the past year No. 20, has done itself much credit by the construction of a large and very convenient house for the accommodation of its schools, at an expense of about three thousand dollars. This noble conduct of the inhabitants of that district is entitled to all praise, exhibiting as it does not only

their liberality, but their wise determination that the means of mental and moral culture shall keep pace with the growth in wealth and population of their beautiful and thrifty village.

District No. 11, too, has within the past year completely remodeled and refitted the rooms in their former house, so that they now compare favorably with those of No. 10, and has provided a new house for the accommodation of its smaller children, so that the youth of no district in town probably are now better accommodated with suitable and comfortable school rooms, in proportion to their number, than those of No. 11. Moreover, that district last fall made a small appropriation for the purchase of apparatus sufficient to furnish their rooms with thermometers, terrestrial globes, outline maps, a set of geometrical solids and a set of Holbrook's infant school apparatus. Besides adding much to the appearance of the rooms themselves, rendering them more interesting and attractive to their inmates, the advantages of this little expenditure were strikingly apparent during the continuance and at the close of the schools. While we hope and would earnestly recommend that the other districts in town imitate Nos. 10, 11, and 20 in rebuilding, or remodeling and refitting the rooms of their school houses, we trust they will not fail to follow the example of No. 11, in procuring at a trifling expense, apparatus to illustrate and facilitate the study of the more important branches of useful learning. Its cost is not a tithe of the actual value of such apparatus to the school in which it may be placed.

Only two or three instances of insubordination, demanding the interference of the committee, have occurred during the year. There are numerous minor evils, such as too great variety and want of uniformity of school books, the want of punctuality in the attendance of scholars, the indisposition of some parents to have their children subject to the discipline indispensable to their progress in knowledge; and many others which might be named whose removal would add greatly to the success of our schools; but to these our predecessors have so frequent-

ly called attention, that it is unnecessary for us to do more than allude to them.

From the subjoined table, exhibiting in a comprehensive form, the statistics of all the different schools in town, it will be seen that a much larger number of scholars have received instruction, for a much longer period, during the past year, than ever before. By a comparison of the results therein exhibited with those furnished in former reports, we are confident our citizens will be satisfied that the sum of eight hundred dollars, raised at the last annual meeting for the support of schools, in addition to the sum required by law, was wisely appropriated, and has been usefully and profitably expended. If so, they will agree with us, that instead of discontinuing or diminishing this additional sum hereafter, true wisdom and true economy dictate its increase. In our judgment, it is not only cheaper, but vastly more beneficial to a community like our own, constituting an integral portion of a great confederated republic, whose life blood is intelligence and whose basis is the natural equality of its citizens, that all our children commence and continue, as long as possible, their education in the same schools.

It will be seen that the whole number of scholars reported as attending the winter schools is 1530; the number attending the summer schools, 1432. Neither of these numbers is large enough, for the reason that in three of the districts no summer schools were kept, and in No. 10 want of funds compelled the discontinuance of one of the schools at the close of the fall term.

The number of persons in town between four and fourteen years of age, is reported at 1772, but it is believed that the actual number is much larger than reported, especially in districts Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 20. There is, however, no provision by existing laws, whereby an accurate enumeration can be obtained.

In very few districts have we had reports of the number of children between 4 and 14 that do not attend school; and from none have we received returns of the number of persons between 14 and 21 years of age who cannot read and write. It is confidently believed, that, aside from the

foreign population, these classes of persons are very limited.

The school house in district No. 3 is entirely inadequate to the proper accommodation of the children of the district, and it is hoped that its citizens may not permit another year to pass by without taking some measures to remedy the inconveniences to which they are now exposed. The wants of that district imperatively demand, and the intelligence, ability and public spirit of its inhabitants must ultimately ensure the erection of a new house, with two school rooms, arranged, finished and furnished in the most convenient and approved mode.

Districts Nos. 9, 12, 13 and 19 would be exceedingly benefitted by remodeling their school rooms, and furnishing them with improved seats and benches. The same is true of other districts, although from the smaller number of scholars, less disadvantages are experienced in them than in those we have named.

ASA FOWLER.

ELEAZER SMITH.

WINTHROP FIFIELD.

} Superintending
School Committee,
of Concord,

Concord, March 13, 1848.

11	201	189	148	120	256	176	25	42	54	1	2	3	22-00	6-75	446-89
12	64	47	52	40	64	45	19	10	12	1		1	16-00	5-00	94-44
13	47	34	37	28	34	34	13	8½	16	1		1	15-00	6-00	67-06
14	17	25	11	20	26	25	3	8	6	1		1	14-00	5-00	54-87
15	33	25	26	18	17	17	16	10½	10	1		1	16-00	5-00	43-66
16	10	12	9	10	8	8	4	10	10		1	1		4-00	34-27
17	25	16	20	16	18	20	5	12	10	1		1	14-00	6-00	* 29-22
18	35	40	25	33	14	9	24	10½	10	1		1	15-00	6-00	70-33
19	58	48	48	38	43	44	20	9½	8	1		1	16-00	5-00	79-52
20	87	41	70	35	70	76	10	11	12	1	1	1	20-00	5-50	86-05
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25	16	16	12	12	11	1	4	3	7		1	1		4-00	30-62
	1530	1432	1137	1009	1772	1324	412	322	347	21	10	1	\$16-31	\$5-50	\$3207-83

* This district is united with one in Hopkin'on.

† This district abolished in March, 1847.

Report of the Chief Engineer.

The undersigned asks leave to report, that he has received from the Selectmen the past year,	\$106·19
Unexpended last year,	1·93
Making	<u>\$108·12</u>

Which has been expended as follows :

Paid E. Gale's bill for Hose Carriage,	52·00
Paid sundry bills for repairs and oil, Company No. 2,	12·70
Paid sundry bills for repairs and oil, Company No. 4,	16·50
Paid bill for repairs and oil, Company No. 6,	8·50
Stone cover to Reservoir, corner of State and Washington Sts.,	8·00
Paid Caleb Parker, Lumber for Reservoir,	4·08
Paid for 1 gallon leather preservative, Company No. 2,	1·34
Paid services of Chief Engineer,	<u>5·00</u>
	\$108·12

The Several engines, and property connected therewith, have been kept in good order and condition during the past year, and the several companies have been prompt and faithful in the discharge of their duty.

LUTHER ROBY.

Concord, March 10, 1848.

Voted, That the proceedings of this meeting, the several Reports, &c, together with the check list, be printed in a phamphlet form for the use of the inhabitants of the town.

Voted, To dissolve.

GEO. H. H. SILSBY, *Town Clerk.*

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 Appointments made by the Selectmen March 21, 1848—  
*Superintending School Committee for the year 1848—*  
 Rev. Winthrop Fifiield, Rev. Samuel T. Catlin and Lyman D. Stevens, Esq.

## Fire Department.

*Chief Engineer—*LUTHER ROBY.

*Assistant Engineers—*John T. Ross, Willard Williams,